

# The Bascom Hill Elms

*Madison*

Think of Bascom Hill and you remember the great elms. The pinnacle of the University of Wisconsin–Madison campus was famous for its parallel, tree-lined walks. Some of these majestic trees, going back to the earliest days of the University—the 1850s—have died from Dutch elm disease. Many of those treated with fungicide for this disease have survived.

As of 2004, 34 mature elms remain on campus, with 16 of them on Bascom Hill. In spite of the fact that they are receiving the best of care, chances are they will all eventually disappear. Meanwhile, primarily red oaks are being planted there as replacements. They will, some day, become the dominant trees on Bascom Hill. But will they be able to replace the memory of the elms?



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